

September 16, 2014

Dear Interested Party:

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Kalispell Unit, is in the initial stages of evaluating a timber salvage from State Trust Land in the Jewel Basin/Birch Creek area located approximately 6 air miles northeast of Bigfork, Montana.

The State Trust land is located in Sections 1 & 2, T27N, R19W. The salvage area is approximately 100 acres and initial estimates indicate approximately 250,000 board feet of timber would be harvested. No new road construction would be needed. This salvage is due to bark beetle infestations and root disease. All management activities will follow the State Forest Land Management Plan, Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), and the Forest Management Rules.

Salvage activity would most likely start this fall or early winter and finish by the end of March 2015.

Written comments regarding the salvage from the Birch Creek area need to be received by **October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. Please address written comments to Nick Aschenwald, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, 655 Timberwolf Parkway, Kalispell, Montana, 59901, or email to [naschenwald@mt.gov](mailto:naschenwald@mt.gov).

Sincerely,

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